

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE.

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1. VACANCY! TOSTOCK IS WITHOUT A CLERK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL!

In March 1961 Mr. A.S.Layng altruistically undertook this important duty. In spite of his full life as a Schoolmaster he has conscientiously carried out the Tostock duties, but now, owing to extra work in his own profession, he has reluctantly resigned from being Parish Clerk. It is essential that the office should be filled. The Parish Council ask if there is any lady or gentleman who would, for the welfare of Tostock, volunteer for this duty. If they can type and have some knowledge of filing it would be an advantage. The Council is prepared to pay an annual salary of £5. It is earnestly hoped that someone will volunteer. Will they please give their name to a member of the Parish Council.

2. DRAMA CLUB. The Annual General Meeting of Tostock Drama Club will be held at the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday 21st September. The Agenda will be sent to members by the Secretary. It is intended to produce two plays during the winter; one for production in January, and the other at about Easter time.

New members will be very welcome and the Club would be delighted to see them at the General Meeting. There is always a lot of work to be done, both behind the scenes and on the days of production. The cast for each play will vary, so more actors, actresses, stage assistants etc. are needed.

The Club has made an excellent start; with further active support and increased membership its future can be assured. The members of the Club would like to thank all those who attended the last play. They feel encouraged and complimented that Tostock supported the new venture so enthusiastically.

3. Parish Council. At their meeting in March the Council had under consideration the condition of the two seats which commemorated the Coronation and Jubilee of King George VI, and which used to be situated one at each end of the Green. The Council has constantly spent money on repairing these seats, but each time the seats have suffered wanton damage. It has therefore been decided not to repair them, and the Council are prepared to consider any offers to purchase. Another matter considered by the Council was some crockery and an urn which belong to Tostock Cricket Club. This is referred to in the next paragraph.

4. Cricket Club. About seven years ago the Tostock Cricket Club, which previously had been a thriving concern for many years, silently and inconspicuously faded out of existence. Since then some crockery and an urn has been stored and carefully looked after by Mrs. Clifford Haselwood. The Parish Council was asked at their meeting what should be done with these articles which are, of course, the property of the Cricket Club. As there are

still many residents of Tostock who were Members of the Club, it has been decided to call a meeting to consider this and other matters.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD at the Gardeners Arms on TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER at 8 p.m. This date is a long time ahead so a reminder will be sent in due course to all known members.

5. Darby and Joan Club. An entertainment is being arranged for all Clubmembers and helpers to take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER. Two sound films, "Gardens of Britain" and "East Anglian Holiday" will be shown, followed by light refreshments. Mr. Peter Coffill has kindly undertaken to operate the cinema.
6. Womens' Institute. The President announces that Tostock Institute will hold a sale of work and produce in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 21st November. Money raised by the Institute (which the whole W. I. movement is pledged to support) will be given to THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN projects, viz:-
 - a. A Farm Institute in Uganda;
 - b. A Trading Store in Bechuanaland.Anything will be welcome. Please give, and come and buy.
7. Salvage. Owing to the holiday period of August there has been some delay in the removal and sale of collected waste paper, but the contractors have assured the Secretary of our W.I. that the collection will be resumed. Members of the W.I. wish to thank all those who have collected their waste paper; it has in the past been well worth while and has contributed substantially to W.I. and Parish Council funds.
7. Two pleasant visitors. One day in June two young men in their teens, with large packs on their backs, walked up the drive of Tostock Old Hall and asked if they might camp for the night. They had their tent and food and cooking things; all they wanted was a bucket of water. They explained that they were competing for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Of course they were welcomed.

Next morning they left at cock crow leaving behind a little note for their host, thanking him for kind hospitality and saying how sorry they were they could not wait to thank in person, signed - Ivan Buckle and Dixie Dykes. Their camping site was left just as they had found it; one could not have told that anyone spent the night there.

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